

**1HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**September 22, 2015**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

**ROLL CALL**

- The City Clerk called the roll and 6 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Brad Koplinski, Sandra R. Reid and Wanda R. D. Williams. Susan Brown-Wilson was absent.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- The Moment of Silence was led by Ms. Reid.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Allatt.
- Ms. Williams said that the sale of the Commonwealth Bonds of the PHFA is \$12.2 Million and that is from the Commonwealth and the city has no control over that money. She wanted to clear that for the record. In addition, she recognized Chief Carter & Captain Moody for helping out with a dangerous situation by her house involving tractor trailers parking where they shouldn't be.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Senghor Manns, CEO of Harrisburg Housing Authority gave a report on the Summer Youth Program. He provided a packet for City Council that detailed the program. Mr. Clarence Watson (Program Director) thanked City Council for providing funds for the program. He said that they did various programs throughout the city that helped cleaned the streets. The children took an educational trip to Wildwood Park and they learned a lot about the environment. Three children who were enrolled in the program were present and they thanked City Council for the opportunity and shared stories about what they learned over the summer.
- Rusty Diamond, Chair of the EAC gave her quarterly report to City Council. She said she appreciates the teen program from the HHA and the EAC is very proud to be a supporter of the program. She said the EAC spent their first year in the "storming phase" trying to get things done. But, she said that 2015 seems to be the "norming phase," where they are learning to work with the Administration & City Council to get things done. She said that they are still learning and as they move forward their performance will improve. She said that their goal, with the help of the arborist is to develop a Tree Master Plan for city. Also, they do not have a website, but they have selected a company to do the work. She said that having a website will be a very helpful communication tool to provide information to better inform the public. She said they are still evaluating the remainder of the money from the Grant Program and how that should be spent.

## COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Ron Chapel questioned the proposed closing of the 1400 Bar on Third Street. He said that the general consensus is that the bar is to be closed because of the Susquehanna Art Museum and he thinks that is unfair. He said that if anything, that should have been an African American Museum so the children in the community can learn about the greatness and accomplishments of their people. He said that if the 1400 Bar closes, what is going to become of those employed by the bar because they have families too. He suggested a fine instead of a closure.
- Keith Lawson said that he has an issue with codes and the City Solicitor. He said that he has been here before anyone that works in codes. He said that he was told that his Electrical License isn't valid & Art Emerick told him that he doesn't like him personally and he is sick of it. He said that he drove to Delaware to get his license renewed and still got the run around. He said that he is getting people jobs and helping ex-offenders so they can better themselves, but he cannot do that if the city doesn't allow him to operate his business. He said the building at 1500 has violations that were let go and no one from the city did anything about it. He said he wanted to bring to City Council's attention all of the illegal stuff that is going on.
- Frank Dudley said that it is getting to be dangerous on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Verbeke, because cars go up on the wrong side of the street. He said when you try to stop the people from going the wrong way they try to run you over. He said the Mill Works and the bar Al's are a real nuisance for the neighborhood.
- Mr. Boyd said congratulations to the residents of the City of Harrisburg. He said he lived in the city mostly all of his life and he doesn't understand why the Broad Street Market is considered part of the Midtown Market District. He asked what has happened to the Broad Street Market Task Force. The group called the "millenniums" are coming to the city and trying to control it. He said that he believes in the law and that is what he follows regarding the Broad Street Market. He said he continuously has been cursed at and kicked out of the Broad Street Market and something has to be done.
- Mr. Graham said that we need more Police Patrols at the busy intersections downtown. He said drivers don't respect the pedestrians and you have to shout at them to get them to stop. He said that there was a worker doing testing in a manhole and the cars were going through the red lights. He recommended to fine the offending driver a \$300 fine so that the word will get out for them to obey the traffic safety laws.
- Robert Candidate informed everyone that on the 17<sup>th</sup> of next month at John Harris High School there will be a family event that informs everyone about "Title One". He said that more people need to participate in the PAL program and these other programs to encourage our youth to do well.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of September 8, 2015 were deemed approved.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Koplinski reported on the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting of September 21, 2015.

## ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 74-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submitted by 18 South Third, LLC to convert approximately 15,000 square feet of office space at 18-22 South Third Street into 15 one-bedroom/loft apartments.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 75-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan submitted by Gary Lenker of Tri-County HDC, LTD to re-subdivide the five unimproved parcels along the south side of the 1500 block of Swatara Street into three parcels with single-family homes.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 79-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan Application submitted by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (“PEDFA”) to subdivide the current property and transfer an approximately 4,700 square foot portion to the 5 North Fifth Street Corporation.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 80-2015 into record** - A resolution approving the submission of a grant application for a \$15,000 Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant administered through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 81-2015 into record** – A Resolution appointing Ms. Danielle Bowers to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 82-2015 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of an Application for a \$57,500 Dauphin County 2015 Local Share Municipal Grant for the purchase of laptop computers for the City's Police Department.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 83-2015 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of an Application for a \$300,000 Dauphin County 2015 Local Share Municipal Grant to assist in repairs to Fire Station 1 and Station 2.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 84-2015 into record** - A Resolution appointing Ms. Ryan Patterson to serve on the Harrisburg Planning Commission.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 85-2015 into record** - A Resolution appointing Ms. Ausha Green to serve as an alternate member on the Zoning Hearing Board.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

## OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Reid said that they had a successful “trash & tree” meeting last week and she encouraged residents to come to these meetings. She said that she was disappointed that all the residents who talk negatively weren’t there to get the correct information. She asked residents to come out and let their voices be heard. In addition, she said regarding Mr. Graham and the other residents who talked about things going on in the city. She said that she witnessed Mr. Graham almost getting hit by a car this weekend. She said there is a slippery slope with trying to bring people into the city, but at what cost to the residents. She said that 5 ft. from the sidewalk needs to be cleared and her friend cannot ride his wheel chair down the street because of the chairs on the sidewalks. She said we want visitors to come to the city, but they have to respect the ordinances. She said that she has seen officers walking downtown, but has yet to see them walking in here neighborhood and there needs to be a balance.
- President Williams announced that she will be having an Administration Committee meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.

## ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:59PM.